

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 9

Bill No. 51-21

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Mr. Julian E. Jones, Jr., Chairman

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By the County Council, May 3, 2021

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

County Charter – County Council – Qualifications

FOR the purpose of changing certain minimum qualifications of a candidate for or a member of  
the County Council; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Charter.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 202(a)  
Article II – The County Council  
Baltimore County Charter

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that under the authority granted to it by Section 1202 of the Baltimore

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

County Charter, Section 202(a) of Article II - The County Council, of the Baltimore County Charter, be and are hereby proposed to be repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## ARTICLE II - THE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Sec. 202. Qualifications.

(a) In addition to the requirements of residence as provided in Section 201(a) of this Article, the members of the county council shall [possess the same qualifications for their office as are provided in the Constitution of the State of Maryland for the office of state senator] BE A QUALIFIED VOTER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY AND NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THEIR ELECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that pursuant to Section 1202 of the Baltimore County Charter, the question of whether or not the Charter is to be amended as proposed by this Act shall be submitted to the voters of Baltimore County at the general election on November 8, 2022, and that this Act shall be published in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the County for five successive weeks prior to the election.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that upon ratification by the voters of Baltimore County, this Act shall become effective from and after the thirtieth day following said election and shall apply commencing with the 2026 election.